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SUBJECT: MGHH01: USINT HAVANA EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR HURRICANE IKE

- 11. Post's Emergency Action Committee (EAC) met this afternoon to discuss preparations for Hurricane Ike which is currently 400-500 miles east of Cuba.
- 12. Current projections indicate that winds from Ike will reach the northwest portion of the island early Wednesday morning and will likely range between tropical storm and hurricane force.
- 13. Preventive measures and follow-up work from Hurricane Gustav are still in place and largely complete. No significant additional actions are planned for now. Post discussed planning for authorized departure, storm surges and the relocation of USINT families living nearest the coast but the decision to implement these measures was held in abeyance pending more definitive tracking data from the National Hurricane Center.
- $\P 4$. Post EAC has a tentative meeting planned for Sunday, September $\P 7$.

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